

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A method for dissolution testing of a pharmaceutical delivery device containing an amount of a drug, the method comprising:

placing a fluid medium and stirring means in a dissolution vessel comprising:

an inert vessel wall and an inert vessel bottom such that the vessel is able to hold the fluid medium, and

an inert retainer provided by or at the vessel wall or vessel bottom, for holding the pharmaceutical delivery device and providing a passageway to the vessel bottom for a sampling tube;

placing the pharmaceutical delivery device in the retainer;

rotating the stirring means to circulate the fluid medium in the dissolution vessel;

inserting a sampling tube through the passageway; and

sampling one or more predetermined volumes of the fluid medium at selected time intervals by means of the sampling tube.

20-21. (Canceled).